



# ***Goodwin Elementary Announcements & Events***

***Notices for 2/26/16***

- ***“Good News from Goodwin” March Newsletter***
- ***Moving Plans in the Near Future?***
- ***Next Coffee and Conversation Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 8:45-9:15am***
- ***After School Learning Clubs – Homework Club for Grades 2, 3, & 4 March-April Session Registration Deadline Monday, Feb., 29<sup>th</sup>***

- ***Kindergarten Parent Orientation Night  
Monday, May 16, 2016 6-7pm***
- ***Mansfield Public Schools Preschool  
Screening May 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016***
- ***Mansfield Lacrosse Registration  
Information***
- ***Goodwin PTO Silent Auction Donations  
Needed***

# Good News from Goodwin

ISSUE 7

MARCH 2016

Dear families of Goodwin:

We have had a pretty mild winter this year, thank goodness. Hopefully March will bring us even more mild weather. Just a reminder to please make sure your children are dressed appropriately because it is still cold and flu season.

I would also like to invite you to a **Principal Coffee and Conversation on Friday, March 4th from 8:45 to 9:15 am** in the conference room. This would be a time for you to come in and chat, ask questions, or listen to what is happening in our school as well as anything else that is on your mind. Please come and join us. I look forward to meeting with you

Here is more Good News from Goodwin:

- \* Our very own 4th grader, Ethan Hanzlik is the Tolland County Poster Winner for the CT Fire Prevention Recognition Program. His poster will be used in next year's calendar. He will be recognized on March 31st at a luncheon at the Chowder Pot in Hartford. Congratulations, Ethan.
- \* Goodwin's third grader, Aram Adler-Smith, researched and created our library display case showcasing Lord of the Rings. Please take an opportunity to see his incredible work. It will make anyone want to pick up a book.
- \* Mr. Dean's third and fourth grade students have been fortunate this year to have been able to go cross country skiing even though it has been mostly mild with little to no snow. The fourth grade also had the opportunity to go ice skating with the other elementary schools at Bolton Ice Rink. Thank you to Mr. Dean for planning all of this for our students.
- \* Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Pagoni, Dr. Patwa, and Mrs. Quinn are presently working with Dr. Marcus and Dr. Levine from UCONN on the Social Studies Standards adopted by the CT State Education Department. Through a grant, our teachers are able to access top scholars from within and beyond the Neag School of Education at UConn, whose faculty are organizing the work. They have also gained access to colleagues and expertise in the Mansfield and Willington Public Schools, CREC, the Connecticut Historical Society, Mystic Seaport, The Fairfield Museum, The Connecticut Geographic Alliance, and the Connecticut State Historian's Office.
- \* Mrs. Sroka's class participated in a nationwide "Hug Project" to help out a family in need in Virginia. Students created beautiful hearts for a little boy who is in the hospital due to a tragic accident. It was all about a way to spread kindness to another child in need and aligned with "Random Act of Kindness day". The hearts were folded inside a piece of long construction paper with two second grade hands on either end which acted as the "hug" - hence, the hug project. Students also learned a song about kindness in music that they voted on.
- \* Mrs. Ruiz and Mrs. Hodge's classes brought in "Bedtime Bundles" which consisted of pajamas, a stuffed animal, and a book. Almost 30 bundles were donated to the local shelter for women and children.

**Vocabulary Boosters:** A large vocabulary can turn your child into a better reader and writer. Here are a few tips for you to support your child at home. **Others vocabulary:** When you hear people use unfamiliar words to your child (like a waiter say entrée or a nurse say abrasion) encourage your child to figure out the meaning using clues. **Descriptive Words:** Let your child hear you comment on an "exciting game", "fantastic party", "athlete that sprinted", or "musician that played his heart out" and then encourage them to do the same.

Warmly, Susan

**3/4-Coffee and Conversation—8:45-9:15**

**3/14-3/18-No Screen Week**

**3/18 Sock Hop 6-8**

**3/23-Grd 3 Field Trip to Lucky Strikes Bowling Lanes**

**3/24-Professional Day for Teachers-NO SCHOOL**

**3/25-Holiday-NO SCHOOL**

**3/31-Grade 1 Annual Writing Celebration 6:30-7:30**

Please be sure your child is ready for recess: Students must wear snow pants, coats, hats, boots and gloves to enjoy sledding or be able to play in the snow during recess.



*Dear Parents,*

*As we begin the process of grouping students in classrooms for the 2016-2017 school year, it is helpful for us to know if there are families planning to move out of the Goodwin district. If you have such plans please take a moment to fill out and return this form as soon as possible. Thank you for your help.*

*Sincerely,*

*Susan Muirhead*

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*Return bottom portion to your child's classroom teacher*

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*Intention Of Moving*

*Child's Name* \_\_\_\_\_

*Current classroom teacher* \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please check one)* \_\_\_\_\_ *Definitely moving* or \_\_\_\_\_ *Possibility of moving*

*Destination* \_\_\_\_\_

*Date of move* \_\_\_\_\_

*Parent signature* \_\_\_\_\_



## *Coffee and Conversation*

with Susan Muirhead-Principal

Join her Friday, March 4th at 8:45 -9:15am in our  
conference room for coffee and discussion.

# Dorothy Goodwin Elementary School

A great place to grow and learn!

Bus transportation is available for families who are  
unable to pick students up at 5:00

GOODWIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

STUDENT  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE AND TEACHER : \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME  
PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

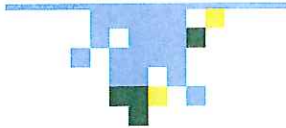
\_\_\_\_\_ I WILL PICK MY CHILD UP AT 5:00

\_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE HAVE MY CHILD RIDE THE BUS TO  
ADDRESS ABOVE

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY:  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29

WE WILL NOTIFY YOU ON MARCH 4TH IF YOUR  
CHILD IS ENROLLED FOR THIS SESSION

QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL JUDY QUINN  
QUINNJD@MANSFIELDCT.ORG



## After School Learning Clubs

GOODWIN ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL

Homework Club  
Grades 2, 3, 4



TUESDAYS AND  
THURSDAYS

Hours

3:30—5:00

March 15-April 14

The purpose of these sessions is to provide additional time for students in the area of reading, writing and math. Students receiving intervention services will be given priority for enrollment and a lottery will be used to fill remaining slots.



Bus transportation is available for families who are unable to pick students up at 5:00.

*A light snack will be provided. All children enrolled in this after school program will have the opportunity to spend some time completing homework with school personnel.*

Future Sessions:





*Goodwin Elementary School*

*Kindergarten Parent Orientation Night*

*May 16th, 2016*

*6-7pm*

Welcome to the Goodwin School Family. You are invited to join us for our Kindergarten Parent Orientation. This is an opportunity for parents to receive information and view a PowerPoint presentation about the Kindergarten program and meet the Principal, Kindergarten teachers, staff members, Mansfield Afterschool Program and PTO representatives. If this will be the first year your child will be attending Goodwin, it is very important that you be present at Parent Orientation. Child care will be provided during the orientation if needed. Parents of students that are currently enrolled in the Goodwin pre-school program would also benefit from the information being presented on this night.

Please contact the office by email prior to **March 18<sup>th</sup>** to inform us if you plan on attending and if our child care service will be needed. [gnooffice@mansfieldct.org](mailto:gnooffice@mansfieldct.org)

**When you arrive to Kindergarten Parent Orientation Night on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, please report to the school office to:**

- Proof of residency (copy of lease or mortgage only)
- Pick up your registration packet and information folder
- Make an appointment for Kindergarten Student Visitation/Screening Day

We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have.

If you need additional information please call us at 860-429-6316 or email us at [gnooffice@mansfieldct.org](mailto:gnooffice@mansfieldct.org)

- Parking is available in the upper parking lot only. Parking is prohibited in the front of the school.





## Mansfield Public Schools

Preschool Screening for 3 and 4 year olds.

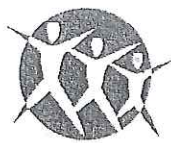
**May 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Mansfield Public Library  
Buchanan Auditorium  
54 Warrenville Rd.  
Mansfield Center Ct.**

**Contact the office to set up an appointment.**

**860-429-6316**

**Your child must be at least 3 by September 1, 2016**



# Mansfield Parks & Recreation

*Family, Fitness & Fun!*

## MANSFIELD LACROSSE REGISTRATION INFORMATION!



- (420067-A) Lightning Division (grades K-2) \*Boys/Girls
- (420067-B) Bantam Boys Division (grades 3&4)
- (420067-E) Bantam Girls Division (grades 3&4)
- (420067-C) Junior Division (grades 5&6) \* Boys
- (420067-D) Senior Division (grades 7&8) \* Boys

\* All divisions open to Mansfield/Ashford/Willington/Columbia and other towns

\*Bantam, Junior and Senior divisions begin play in late March/early April.

**(Boys/Girls) Lightning**. 5-week introductory to lacrosse held Mondays, April 25-May23, 5:30-6:30pm. Instructors/coaches teach fundamentals of lacrosse, focusing on catching, cradling, throwing and picking up ground balls (scooping). Participants must provide lacrosse fiddle stick or other properly sized lacrosse stick and a mouth guard. Eye goggles are optional. Fee: \$25.00/\$35.00 (non-residents). (420067-A)

**(Boys) Bantams** will participate as members of the Connecticut Valley Youth Lacrosse League. This division will teach individual skills and introduce team concepts. League games will be played at home and away sites. Coaches will teach the fundamentals of lacrosse, focusing on catching, cradling, throwing and picking up ground balls. No checking is allowed in Bantam level play. Typically there is a 2-3 day weekly commitment (practices and/or games). Practices and games will be held early-April to June. Required equipment to be provided by participant; mouth guard, arm & shoulder pads, gloves and lacrosse stick.

Program fee: \$60.00/\$70.00 (non-residents). Boys (420067-B).

**(Girls) Bantams** will look to establish its first ever team in Mansfield. Beginners and experienced players welcome! Coaches will teach basic fundamentals of the game and set up "friendly" games for this first season of play. Required equipment: eye protection or cage, mouth guard, and girl's lacrosse stick. Typically a 2-3 times per week commitment (practices/games). \$60.00/\$70.00 (non-residents). Girls (420067-E).

**(Boys) Juniors** will participate as members of the Connecticut Valley Youth Lacrosse League. Continued development of fundamentals with advanced individual, team play and the introduction of body checking at this level. Typically there is a 2-3 day weekly commitment (practices and/or games). Required equipment to be provided by participant; mouth guard, arm & shoulder pads, gloves and lacrosse stick. Program fee: \$65.00/\$75.00 (non-residents). (420067-C)

**(Boys) Seniors** will participate as members of the Connecticut Valley Youth Lacrosse League. Continued development of individual skills as well as more advanced game strategies will be taught. League games will be played at home and away sites. Typically there is a 2-3 day weekly commitment (practices and/or games). Required equipment to be provided by participant; mouth guard, arm & shoulder pads, gloves and lacrosse stick. Program fee: \$70.00/\$80.00 (non-residents). (420067-D)

**How to Register:** visit [www.mansfieldcc.com](http://www.mansfieldcc.com) to register on line, download a mail in registration or visit us in person at the Mansfield Community Center. Registration must be completed in advance. ***No on-the-field registrations.*** Call (860) 429-3015, ext. 0 for more information.



*\*Certified game referees needed. Local training programs forming now. Contact us today!*

***YES, I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER...***

*(Check/Circle options below and return with registration form.*

*If registering on line please send email to [okeefejm@mansfieldct.org](mailto:okeefejm@mansfieldct.org) regarding your interest in coaching or helping the program in another way)*

<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Head Coach</i>	<u><i>Division:</i></u> <i>K-2   Bantam (B or G) Junior   Senior</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Assistant Coach</i>	<u><i>Division:</i></u> <i>K-2   Bantam (B or G) Junior   Senior</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other Program Support</i>	<u><i>Division:</i></u> <i>K-2   Bantam (B or G) Junior   Senior</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Interested in serving on the Mansfield Youth Lacrosse Board</i>	

*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Email Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Mailing Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Best Contact Phone Number:* \_\_\_\_\_



# Calling All Parents!

## Support the PTO



February 26, 2016

## SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED

The Goodwin PTO is gearing up for our annual silent auction to take place during the Big Whale Bash on May 14. We are already calling on local businesses and large corporations to donate to our auction. We know Goodwin parents are skilled in many ways. What can YOU donate?

## IDEAS TO GET YOU THINKING

READY TO  
DONATE?

HAVE A  
QUESTION?

KNOW SOMEONE  
WE SHOULD  
CONTACT?

### Contact:

Kristen Ricci

kristen.ricci@gmail.com

860-336-7969

### Own a business? Donate!

- ▶ discounted service
- ▶ a product, a service, a meal

### Know a skill, trade, or hobby? Donate!

- ▶ personal training, yoga instruction
- ▶ gardening
- ▶ cooking
- ▶ canning
- ▶ photography session
- ▶ lawn care
- ▶ plumbing
- ▶ electrical work
- ▶ gutter cleaning
- ▶ handyman (or woman) services

### Have some time? Donate!

- ▶ babysitting
- ▶ fall cleanup
- ▶ preparing meals for someone's freezer
- ▶ home organizing or cleaning

### Other ideas? Donate!